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"The bars have been let down and from now on there is to be no further pretense towards civil service righteousness on the part of the Willis administration. With the succession of Willis men to the posts of state civil service commissioners, the only 'official organ' makes boast that now the last obstacle is removed from turning over the entire administration to the hands of the governor's political supporters. Willis will now be able to make good on his statement that 'my position is to appoint a Republican over a Democrat and there is no use being neatly-mouthed about it.' No wonder that with this policy in mind the state's service is suffering and the cost of administering the government under Willis mounting \$4,000,000 the first year over the cost of the preceding year!"

Attempt to keep hidden a report on the conduct of a certain financial house which supported his campaign is now assigned as the reason for the sudden abandonment of his western trip by Governor Willis. This report has been made to the state bank examiner by a member of his department along with a secondary confidential report. This was a "dangerous" report and it was thought it had been buried when suddenly it became known that outside interests had gotten on the trail and that a copy of the report was in the hands of the legal department. Simultaneous with this knowledge came the abandonment of the governor's trip. This concern, whom it is said Governor Willis desired to protect because of pre-election connection, is charged with having made false report concerning certain securities sold all over Ohio. The exposure under way has created a furor in financial as well as political circles and threatens disaster to those connected with it.

With one exception the Democratic candidates in Ohio last fall refused to traffic with the so-called True Democracy League, and now it appears from published accounts that Senator Pomeroy, who has been approached by them, has also spurned an alliance. Soon it ought to be realized by the least of them that no Democrat cares to deal with them—or dares. They ought to know by this time that they have no right to deal with anyone other than Governor Willis, whom they organized to aid, and whom by his appointment of D. S. Creamer and S. D. Webb, has published the fact that he has not only bought them but has paid for them as well.

Reports are coming into Democratic headquarters of the successful circulation of petitions for referendum on the Sprague gerrymander bill. The first signed petition came from the Third district, which is not affected, and from the Fourth district, which from a selfish standpoint is benefited. These facts taken in connection with the sentiment of independent voters and Republicans who are signing the petitions, show how much the people resent the Willis redistricting, which is to deprive President Wilson of the support to which he is entitled from this state.

In his blunt, honest fashion State Auditor Vic Donahay has issued a statement of his analysis of appropriations by the Willis legislature. He nuances no words in attacking the growing expenditures and shows that the word "economy" in connection with the present administration is a misnomer. By his figures it is shown that the Willis general assembly appropriated \$49,000,000 exclusive of the building fund, and then reapportioned so as to absorb all balances. The Cox administration for the last fiscal year expended \$8,411,933.44, and that was the year when most of the new governmental agencies were going into effect. The Willis ad-

ministration for the year ending on June 30, 1915, will spend \$22,785,542.91. The meat and meaning of the statement is in comparison of these amounts, and remembrance of the charges of extravagance and of promises made last campaign, and the further fact that Mr. Donahay anticipates a deficit of \$2,000,000 at the end of the Willis administration. This means that Willis will not likely only spend all he collects, but that he will absorb the seven and one-half million dollar surplus left by Mr. Cox and then go two million dollars more in debt. Mr. Donahay's statement is non-political, not for campaign purposes, scores Democratic extravagance as well as Republican, and is a document that could well be read with profit by every voter and taxpayer.

While the partisan supporters of the administration of Governor Willis are seeking to explain why no new road work is being undertaken and issuing reams and pages of statements, the old mud roads continue to hold their own. Assault is made on the previous conduct of the state highway department for having exceeded authority in the making of contracts, but for this the people have little concern. The fact which pleases them is that when Cox was governor and when Marker was highway commissioner, steps were taken by which the federal aid was secured and roads were built.

The people cannot forget the attack that was made on the state highway department in the Republican state platform, hence they look upon the present muddle with grave suspicion. The fact that Peter Durr, of Cincinnati, secured control of the commission under Willis, and the further fact that the present commissioner violates the law relating to the make-up of the commission and boasts of it, does not help matters any. New roads are not being undertaken in any great degree and the people want to know the reason.

There is no charge by the partisans that Marker did not build roads for the state, nor is it charged that the state's money was unwisely expended. They simply say he exceeded authority in making contracts—in other words that he was doing more work than he ought to do. It so happens that Marker is a successful O. S. U. college man, who was a football player of note and knew how to buck the line. He carried his training into practice in business and the conduct of his office, with the result that last year he had more than seven million dollars worth of road contracts started. His successor this year will start a little less than a million and a half, and with the deficiencies in the new Cass law, there is not great assurance that even that much will be done. Misconstruction and careless phrasing endangers bond sales under the law, and it is full of minor errors.

There now appears a greater and further defect which endangers the entire road tax levy by the state. Under the test of the Hite law in the Supreme Court, when mandamus was brought against the auditor of Hamilton County it was held "the right of the general assembly to levy this tax for state purposes depends upon whether the purposes of the levy are state purposes," and on the extremely thin premise that the case was met because the fund was all in the hands of the state officials for expenditure, it was proper to raise the money in one county and expend it in another.

But the Cass law makes a new condition by breaking up into 88 units with 88 standards, a portion of the work, and providing for the transfer of state road funds to county commissioners on their proper certification under named conditions. After such transfer there is not even assurance that the money will go into roads—it may be transferred to the salary fund or the sheep fund or some other fund which may be deficient.

Under this state of affairs it is not unlikely that Cuyahoga, Hamilton and other large counties paying the greater portion of the tax will refuse to contribute without a test of the law which allows such conditions, where before they acquiesced because of the fact that they knew the money went to a proper end.

It is unfortunate that partisanship, which has damned the entire Willis administration, has emperied the

furtherance of highway work as it has. Ohio wants good roads. Marker taught the people the meaning of improved highways, and Cox preached to them the joint gospel of good schools and good roads. Now the people want what they have a right to expect. They do not want explanations—they want roads and unless they get them somebody is going to be held to strict account at another election time.

## IDEAL PROTECTIONIST

Now some fellow has come to the front and is opposed to making war on flies. He assigns business reasons for his views. He says if flies were exterminated it would ruin the wire screen and screen door industry, thereby throwing a large number of men out of employment.

## RETIREMENT OF A BOOSTER

With an excellent record of service to the state, Alfred Putnam Sandles, formerly secretary of the board of agriculture, now president of the agriculture commission, will in a few days sever official relations with the state and go back to private life.

No man in years has done more to stimulate interest in practical and successful agriculture in Ohio than "Put" Sandles, as he is best known. He has been a tireless worker, has an abundance of initiative, is peculiarly persistent, and has wrought large things.

He has preached the gospel of the soil in a new way. He has been able to interest, not only the men and the women of the state, but he has reached the boys and girls, and interested them as no other men has ever done. In an official way, and with the prestige of the state behind him, he has pleaded the cause of the housewife, laboring without modern aids, while her husband perhaps used a self-binder and rode in an automobile.

He has urged the farmer to adopt modern ideas and employ modern methods in a way that brought results. He has been an advocate of better things on the farm for boys, and a larger place in the home life for girls. The entire agricultural life of the state has benefited by his efforts.

He has been a loyal booster for the state. He has found enjoyment in talking about the agricultural possibilities of Ohio and his work has been constructive. The state loses a valuable public servant when "Put" Sandles retires.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## ENCOURAGING INDUSTRY AND DISCOURAGING IT

[By Samuel Milliken.]

Yesterday, passing Chester, I saw from the train window a large sign on a vacant lot; the Board of Trade of Chester informed travelers that they were "wanted" in Chester. A Baltimore manufacturer sitting by me, asked what Chester had to offer to induce him to move. I told him that if he would move his plant to that vacant lot, the assessors of Chester and Delaware Counties not only would put the usual tax on the lot, but also, that they would "soak" him annually on the value of the buildings and machinery; they would teach him what it meant to improve Chester. Few people know that, excepting in the cities of Pittsburgh and Scranton, where it is lawfully exempted, and in Philadelphia, where it is unlawfully exempted; machinery in Pennsylvania is taxable as real estate; in Delaware County the assessors are definitely instructed in print so to tax it.

The Baltimorean said he could secure such disadvantages at his present location; why, then, move to Chester? He inquired about Pittsburgh and Scranton. I told him that in 1911 those two cities were lawfully empowered to exempt machinery, and in 1913 they were empowered gradually to exempt improvements to the extent of 50 per cent. In a few years manufacturers there will be taxed only on land value and on one-half of building value. The Baltimore man said: "That is interesting; they want me, and hold out an inducement, but Chester holds out a threat!"

Every locality should be empowered to hold out the inducements offered by Pittsburgh and Scranton; the General Assembly is in session; why not ask it? Why not now? A club is not an inducement.

Let the banker be your bookkeeper. A canceled check is a good and a double receipt. The check and its stub are both silent, sure witnesses that you paid the bill if any one disputes. The farmer ought to have a check book, and his name and address printed on the checks. That is the way the business man does it. The farmer must learn the art of being a business man.

Farmers are getting printed letterheads. They are adding their wife's name. They also add the name of the bank at which they do business. It's both dollars and sense. The best credential a farmer can have is the name of his bank printed on his letter heads.

Try it, Mr. Farmer. It costs little. It's worth a lot. The Agricultural Commission believes that it is the farmer's duty to be a business man in every sense of the word.

Willis ought to know better than to try to make the people of Ohio believe in any figures he quotes, after the whoppers he told them last

fall and while they caught him in. Using the Cox surplus as he did to run the first six months administration of his office, and then denying its presence was looking a gift horse in the mouth, and now he's paying for it by the facts he is compelled to face.

## THE SHOE PINCHES

Rumor has it that big power and armor plate trusts are willing to contribute freely to the campaign expenses of Senator and Congressman who will pledge themselves, before election in 1916, to vote for a big army and navy. War is too often waged because a favored few can make millions out of it. Both Wilson and Bryan know this.—Ottawa Sentinel.

## HOW A BOY MADE GOOD

[Mendon Herald]

The younger generation should read the article in the New York Independent about Edward Bok, editor of the Ladies Home Journal; more people read his papers than any other in this country.

What was the stimulant in his life? The following are his own words: "I know what it is to live on practically nothing; to leave the house stealthily at night, go through the streets and pick up old pieces of wood, because we had not the four cents to buy a bundle of kindling; to pick up odd bits of coal; to sift the ashes until my fingers bled; to have a horror of passing a grocery store because we owed the man and could not pay it; to go around afraid to stop because of the patches in my clothes. Yes, I know what it is to be poor; knew it not for six months, either, but for a number of years."

We are aware of the fact that such conditions would be a detriment to some. But it was a stimulant to Mr. Bok. He says: "It was the finest thing that ever happened to me, the finest that every happened to any young fellow is to be poor." A great many boys will not agree with that assertion. A great many young fellows think that if they can wear good clothing; put their feet under their father's table three times a day and growl at their mother because the viands are not the choicest; go to college at their father's expense, and spend their vacation in a round of pleasure, that they are building up good characters. On the contrary, they are undermining character.

In the first place, that sort of existence takes all the initiative and ambition as well out of a fellow; he is content to go along in that easy going way and seldom, if ever, accomplishes anything worth while. In the second place, that hot-house treatment makes a boy flabby, mentally, morally, physically, and the first adverse wind that strikes him, in the way of temptation or opposition, he goes down to defeat.

Now, this is not intended for the boy who is raised in ease, and luxury, and hasn't a care—he will make fun of such sentiments—but for the boy who is having a tough time; who is making his own way by the hardest financial means. Success usually attends the efforts of the boy who makes his own way in the world, provided he keeps clean and lives right in the sight of God and man.

## BE A LIVE WIRE

The Banner Fair of Ohio will be held at Celina, Ohio, August 17, 18, 19 and 20, 1915. Have you been thinking of it? Have you been thinking what you expect to exhibit this year?

Get things in readiness, start now. You or some of your neighbors have some of the best of everything. Talk to your neighbor, get them interested.

We give below a partial list on which you can get a premium for taking it to the fair: Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Poultry; Fruits, and its by products in canned stuff, jams, preserves, Jellies &c; Vegetables, Grain, Seeds, &c; Fine Drawings, Paintings; House Plants; Domestic manufacture as Quilts, Carpets, Rugs, Knitting, Crochet work, Needle work, machine sewing, Drawn work, Laces, Fancy work, &c; and all kinds of baking. You surely have something to take to the Fair to exhibit.

We want to make our visitors from adjoining counties sit up and take notice what old Mercer can produce. Get a premium list and get busy. The Democrat has some at their office, or write us.

W. A. HAMILTON, Secy.  
H. A. BECKMAN, Treas.

## ELIMINATE THE FLY

During the present hot weather every one is fighting the house fly. By expenditure of sufficient pains, any one may prevent flies breeding on his premises, but this will not rid him of the danger from flies if his neighbors are careless.

There is, however, no excuse at the present time for permitting flies to breed in anything like the numbers in which they have done in the past. The vast majority of flies develop from eggs which are laid in horse manure, and there is a simple way of destroying the larvae, as the young insects or maggots, which hatch from the eggs are called. Sprinkling the manure heap with a solution of ½ pound of powdered hellebore and 10 gallons of water will destroy, according to recent experiments, from 88 to 99 percent of the larvae in the manure.

## ALMOST EVERY TOWN HAS THEM

Now-a-days the local newspapers are filled with appeals to citizens to "boost" the towns in which the papers are published. While these appeals are made in the interest of all the people, we regret to say they are not met with the encouragement they should secure. While many people who really have the best interest of their town always in view, and act accordingly, unfortunately every village has a class of people whose petty jealousies control their action and they are very prone to oppose the efforts of those who do or can do something for the betterment of the town. This spirit of petty jealousy shows itself in some form at every movement made by better citizens to accomplish things of property or make the town in which they live more inviting to those who want to locate among its people, or a more desirable place for residing. "Every knocker" is a mill-stone around the neck of good citizens, and is not entitled to their respect, or valuable citizens in any manner. The quicker a town rids itself of such nuisances the better it is for the town. You can easily pick out such undesirable citizens by hearing them talk when other people are trying to do something which will make the town better as a manufacturing place, a business place, or a pleasant place to reside. Pity it is that every town has its share of "knockers" and that some have more than his share.—Putnam County Sentinel.

## COURT STATISTICS

Clerk of Courts Johnson has completed his annual statistical report for the year ending June 30. The report shows that 30 divorce cases were filed during the year, while 17 were pending at the beginning of the year. Of the total number but one action was brought by the husband, the 46 being brought by the wives. The court disposed of 37 of the cases during the past year. In nine cases the custody of children was given to the mothers.

During the year there were 212 cases filed, while 60 suits were pending at the beginning of the year, making a total on the docket of 272. During the period covered by the report there were 187 cases disposed of, 20 were taken to higher courts, while 65 suits are still pending.

The fees paid to jurymen during the year amounted to \$1,514.85, of which \$300 was grand jury fees; \$445.85 petit jury fees in civil cases; \$569 petit jury fees in criminal cases.

There were 132 civil judgments rendered by the court, involving in money the sum of \$16,252.02.

## DO NOT WASTE THE STRAW

Their practice of burning straw is not as common in Ohio as it is in some of the more western states. However, many farmers do not realize the true value of the straw stack. The fertilizing value of the straw from a ten acre wheat field is from \$25 to \$40. If the straw is used as bedding and the manure used, this value of the straw is saved and in addition thus used will absorb a large amount of liquid manure that might otherwise be wasted.

All Mercer County school children and their teachers are cordially invited to attend, Free, Celina Chautauqua on August 5. Parade at 10 a.m. Please be here in time to take part in the parade. Special program.

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No. 1, Daily, except Sunday, 10:33 a.m.  
No. 3, Daily, except Sunday, 5:00 p.m.  
East Bound  
No. 4, Daily, except Sunday, 11:37 a.m.  
No. 2, Daily, except Sunday, 4:24 p.m.

## CINCINNATI NORTHERN

North Bound  
No. 16, Daily, except Sunday, 11:25 a.m.  
No. 8, Daily, except Sunday, 5:35 p.m.  
South Bound  
No. 7, Daily, except Sunday, 7:00 a.m.  
No. 17, Daily, except Sunday, 2:45 p.m.

## CINCINNATI, HAMILTON &amp; DAYTON

North Bound  
No. 309, Daily, except Sunday, 10:20 a.m.  
Local, Daily, except Sunday, 6:45 a.m.  
South Bound  
No. 303, Daily, except Sunday, 2:45 p.m.  
Local, Daily, except Sunday, 6:45 a.m.  
No. 387, Sunday only, 6:41 p.m.

## WESTERN OHIO TRACTION

First Car leaves daily at 6:55 a.m.  
Second Car leaves daily, except Sunday at 7:25 a.m.

Local Cars leave daily at 9:25 a.m., 11:25 a.m., 1:25 p.m., 3:25 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 7:25 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Last car, leaving at 10:30 p.m. connects at Wapakoneta with north bound car going as far as Bluffton and with south bound car going as far as Piquette.

Limited leave daily at 8:22 a.m., 10:22 a.m., 12:22 p.m., 2:22 p.m., 4:22 p.m., 6:22 p.m. and 8:22 p.m.  
Limited cars out of this city make direct connections at Wapakoneta with North Bound Limiteds for Toledo and intermediate points and with South Bound Limiteds for Dayton and intermediate points.

Local cars go through to Findlay without change and connect at Wapakoneta with south bound locals, and at St. Marys with cars for Minster and New Bremen.

## BRIDGE SALE

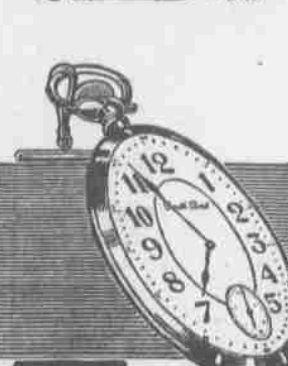
NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the County Auditor's office, Celina, Mercer County, Ohio, until 1 o'clock P.M. on

FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1915,  
for furnishing the material and constructing the following bridges:

Elyck Concrete Bridge, span 10 feet, in Franklin township.  
Fry Concrete Bridge, span 12 feet, Black-creek township.  
Edal Concrete Bridge, span 12 feet, in Granville township.  
Miller Concrete Bridge, span 14 feet, in Granville township.  
Born Concrete Bridge, span 10 feet, in Granville township.  
Freisinger Bridge Abutments, Dublin township.  
Franks Bridge Abutments, (repair) in Granville township.  
Hinton Concrete Bridge, (top) Center township.  
Brandt Retaining Wall, length 30 feet, Black-creek township.  
McAfee Steel Bridge, length 23 feet, Butler township.  
Franks Steel Bridge, length 18 feet, in Granville township.  
This work must be completed on or before the 15th day of October, 1915.  
Bidders will be required to deposit Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars, which will be forfeited to the County in case the successful bidder fails to enter into contract and give an acceptable bond five days after day of sale.  
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